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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : NIO Monthly Warning Assessments: January

1. The reports on the NIO warning meetings are attached.
2. Comments on warning situation.

a. El Salvador

(1) Guerrilla military successes in Usulután Department combined with threats by D'Aubuisson and his far-right supporters to withdraw from the Constituent Assembly have increased the possibility of a political upheaval in San Salvador and renewed power struggle in the armed forces.

(2) This potentially explosive situation could come to a head if the government's major offensive in Morazan Department ends in a stalemate or if the guerrillas stage spectacular raids on the capital and other cities. D'Aubuisson and his allies might see these setbacks as an opportunity to mount a coup in an attempt to check the decline of their power and prospects.

b. Argentina

(1) Although reporting is far from conclusive, the Argentine military appears to be considering some initiatives designed to support diplomatic efforts to induce the British to resume negotiations on the Falklands sovereignty issue.

[redacted] planning may include small harassment or sabotage raids against British installations in the Falklands, outlying dependencies, or British bases in Antarctica.

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d. Nigeria-Ghana

the situation in
Nigeria as one of "confusion rather than serious

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crisis." This action, while enjoying popular support, may well hurt rather than help the Nigerian economy because of the willingness to work found in the illegals. Since approximately one million of the expatriates are Ghanaian, economic pressure on Ghana will be extreme.


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